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REPUBLICAN CANNONADING BEGINS TO-DAY

HEAVY WEIGHT BATTLE

WILL TAKE PLACE TO-NIGHT. JEFFRIES AND MUNROE ARE BOTH IN GOOD TRIM FOR THE BOUT.

THE CONTEST WILL BE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD, AND MANY SPORTS ARE INTERESTED.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—Nothing but the peal of the gong remains to bring Jim Jeffries and Jack Munroe together in Mechanics' Pavilion to-night to battle for the heavy weight championship of the world.

While the advance sale of seats does not augur a record-breaking house, the two burly gladiators will pull down enough money to keep them in cigarette papers for a year at least.

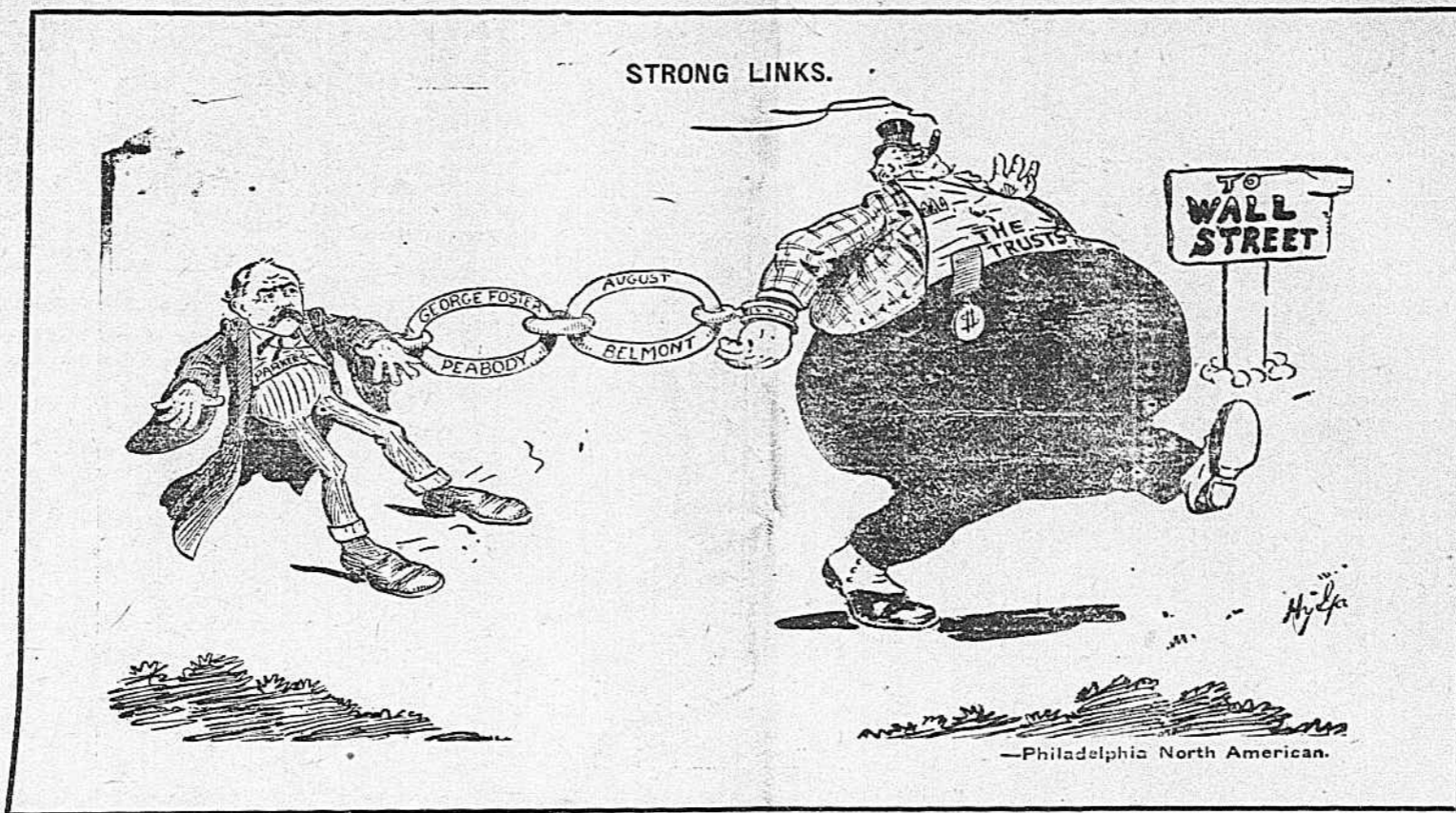
When the fight was postponed last June on account of Jeffries' bad knee, the prediction was freely made that when the men did meet they would not draw enough to pay for the advertising, but the promoter, the fighter and his manager have become acutely wise, in their generation, and know a trick or two worth any man's money.

Harry Pollock, Munroe's manager, a slender pale-faced individual, accused the mammoth Jeffries to his face that he was afraid to meet Munroe. Jeffries, apparently, took the charge to heart, but whether he did or not, all the capital possible has been worked out of the incident. In a new spell, the word has gone forth that to-night's affair of the gloves is to be a "grudge fight."

And so it came to pass that the spectators to-night expect to witness a fight for blood, one that will be wicked and vicious, full of ponderous and damaging punches, with one of the two giants knocked stiff for the full count. However much the box office crowd may have traded on the grudge feature, there is no doubt that Jeffries has given it some thought, much to the regret of his trainers.

Under the watchful eye of Billy Delaney, he prepared himself with unusual zeal.

If you are needing job work of any description give us a trial.



MR. DAVIS WILL TALK MONEY

PLAN WAS AT FIRST KEPT SECRET—AN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THAT LAPSE OF MEMORY BY HIS FRIENDS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Henry G. Davis, Democratic nominee for Vice President, will make a second visit to this city within the next few days to confer with the Democratic campaign managers and ascertain at first hand what are the prospects for Democratic victory. Mr. Davis will pay a visit to Judge Parker before his return to West Virginia.

No announcement of the intention of Mr. Davis to come to New York has been made at the Democratic national headquarters, and it was intended to keep the plan a secret so as to save Mr. Davis from annoyance and leave him free to devote his entire time to matters connected with the campaign.

Friends of Mr. Davis who heard his speech of acceptance at his notification deny emphatically that any evi-

dence was given of impairment of memory. They do not deny that he failed to follow the words of the speech he had prepared. They said last night that he attempted to deliver the prepared speech and at the same time to make some interpolations appropriate to the occasion. This is always a dangerous experiment for a public speaker, and the result in this case was not wholly satisfactory.

Mr. Davis will make a few speeches during the campaign if the plan meets the approval of the national campaign managers. They will probably be made mostly in his own State.

One of the topics that will be taken up by Mr. Davis with the managers is the financial outlook on the Democratic side. The Democratic machinery is now moving and the scope of the campaign has been outlined. Mr. Davis, besides seeing Judge Parker, will meet prominent Democrats in this city from other parts of the country and will obtain their personal opinions regarding the outlook.

STORM'S FURY CLAIMS MANY AT TOWN PICNIC

(By Publishers' Press.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Latest dispatches from Chautauqua county disclose that a wide swath of destruction was cut by the tornado which passed through there yesterday afternoon. About five thousand persons were gathered at the annual town picnic in Parkhurst's Grove, about eight miles south of Stockton. The majority were assembled beneath the trees watching the sports of the day, when the darkening of the sky warned the multitude of the approach of the storm and drove the scattered ones to cover.

Full upon the assemblage, closely packed together under the trees, fell the fury of the tornado. The vanguard was a sky black as death. This was followed by an ominous lull, in which the frightened cries of little children, huddled about their mothers' skirts, were all that could be heard. Then came a moaning sound, and the tornado struck the grove with a fury that made the strongest trees bend.

There was a louder crash and then a giant oak fell upon the crowd gathered beneath its shelter. The tree fell full upon the crowd, and beneath it were dragged the killed and injured.

The Dead.

ORRIN DALRYMPLE, aged 60, of Cassadaga, N. Y.; back crushed by falling tree.

MRS. ORRIN DALRYMPLE, of Cassadaga; hip crushed.

MISS INA SCOTT, 15 years old, of Shumia; back broken by tree.

AUSTIN PIERCE, aged 19 years, of Glasgow; head crushed by falling tree.

The injured reported thus far are Mrs. J. Anderson, Portland, broken hip; Chester Bills, Portland, shoulder broken; Arthur Bills, Portland, severely bruised, and George Arnold, severely bruised.

The body of Austin Pierce was found crushed under the trunk of the tree. Its massive bulk lay on his head and his brains were scattered upon the ground.

Amid the whirling of the receding storm and the sobbing of bereaved ones, a clergyman whose name was not learned lifted up his hands and said, "Let us pray."

The dead and injured were taken to Miller's Hotel, and the doctors who were present did what they could for those who were not beyond human aid.

The full extent of the casualties inflicted during the storm and in the grove full of panic-stricken people will not be learned for some time, owing to the scattering when the storm was over.

Many took their injured home. Rumors are abroad of several who were knocked down and trampled upon by maddened runaway horses, and of others thrown from their carriages and hurled against trees in other run-aways.

It is known that a child was knocked from its mother's arms and seriously injured beneath the feet of a crazy horse, but neither the child's nor the parent's name could be learned.

Three horses were killed by trees falling upon them. The occasion of the gathering was the Stockton picnic.

FAIRMONT IS HIGHLY FAVORED

The people of Fairmont and vicinity have less reason to complain of hard times than any other section of the State. While other sections are crying against the hard times, work is going on the same here, and, best of all, the pay day follows.

Work will begin on the switch to the Fairmont Steel Company's plant on the Industrial Company's grounds, in a few days, as was mentioned in yesterday's West Virginian. This switch is about a mile and a half long and will employ a number of men, for whose labor a large amount of money will be put into circulation in this vicinity. This, in addition to the money paid to the hands at the local factories and the \$175,000 to be paid tomorrow by the Fairmont Coal Company, does not look like money will be scarce here.

It is only a matter of a little time after the switch is built to the steel plant until the line will be extended on through the First ward, as by that time it is hoped that the much-lamented obstruction to Monongahela navigation, the F., M. and P. bridge, will be removed. When that is done,

Fairmont will enjoy a period of greater prosperity than ever before. And besides, some people are still of the opinion that the Wabash will be seen in these parts, too, before many months roll by.

Senator Hoar Holds His Own.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 26.—General R. Hoar gave out the following this morning:

"Senator Hoar had a quiet night. He is comfortable this morning and took nourishment. He has yet to show any gain in strength."

THE WEATHER.

Won't Storm To-Night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair to-night; cooler in eastern portion. Saturday, fair and warmer.

GET YOUR GUN!

THE ROAR OF THE HEAVY ARTILLERY WILL MAKE THE DEMOCRATS TAKE TO THE TIMBER.

SECRETARY TAFT OPENS THE CAMPAIGN IN VERMONT—HE PAYS A HIGH TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Aug. 26.—The heavy artillery fire in the Republican national campaign was opened here to-day in a carefully prepared speech by Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, in which he devoted considerable time to answering various criticisms of President Roosevelt's personality and conduct. It had been charged, he said, that the President was a strong headed tyrant, obstinate in his pride and opinion, and that he failed to listen to argument.

"On this point I am in a position to know whereof I speak," declared the Secretary. "In all my experience I never have met a man in authority who has less pride of opinion in the judgments that he has formed than has Theodore Roosevelt. I have never met a man who is so amenable to reason, so anxious to reach a just conclusion, so willing to sacrifice a previously formed opinion as the President of the United States."

The speaker asserted with emphasis that no man ever sat in the Presidential chair who was more anxious to avoid war or conflict with foreign nations. His impulsiveness of manner and quickness of thought and speech co-existed with real conservatism of action. No one had ever charged a serious difference of opinion between Secretary Hay and the President touching our foreign policy, and no one could doubt that Mr. Hay was safe and sane.

Was there, therefore, any reason to doubt that the President was equally so? He dismissed as too ridiculous for discussion the allegation that the President would change his whole course of conduct after election. It was idle to suppose that in following a conservative policy for three years the President was merely playing a part, and was only waiting until November to throw off the mask.

Secretary Taft then took up various specifications in the general charge that the President had violated the Constitution. The first he had been accused of influencing legislation, but if it were unconstitutional for a President to confer with members of the Senate and House respecting legislation that was a new doctrine. It could not be unlawful for the President in conversation with the law makers to repeat the recommendations he had made in his formal messages.

Harmony between the executive and legislative branches was necessary for the efficient carrying out of the government. In fact, it was the duty of the President and influential leaders in Congress thus to confer.

Answer next the charge of the unconstitutionality of the recent executive order granting service pensions for old age, the Secretary asserted that in this matter the commissioner of pensions, acting with the authority of the President, was merely exercising a judicial function conferred on him by Congress.

Discussing the Panama episode, the speaker declared that there had never been the slightest proof brought forward to substantiate the charge that this government or the President had connived in the revolution that made Panama a republic. Moreover the President had acted entirely within his constitutional rights in recognizing that republic.

With respect to the charge that the President went beyond his authority in the appointment of the anthracite coal strike commission, he said that the President acted in his private capacity, and then only after he had obtained the consent of both parties to the controversy. Speaking on the Philippine question, the Secretary said among other things:

"The Republicans hope that the time may come when the Filipinos may be safely granted independence, and think that it will come; but the reason they are not in favor of promising that is because such a promise will greatly mislead the Filipino people and complicate the situation in the islands with respect to the success of the present government there and its orderly continuance. No promise can be made to the Filipinos except that we will grant them independence when they are ready for complete self-government."

DOWN STATE POLITICAL NEWS NOTES

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE OLD THIRD WHERE LIFE IS VERY STRENUOUS.

HINTON, W. Va., Aug. 25.—At the Democratic convention for the Third Congressional district, held here to-day, Homer B. Davenport, of Clay, was nominated by acclamation. John A. Preston, of Greenbrier, made a strong fight for the nomination, but was turned down.

The Greenbrier crowd seemed much hurt that their candidate, who has stood loyally by Democracy for more than a quarter of a century, should receive such cold treatment, while a young man scarcely known outside of his county should carry off the laurels.

Joe Chilton, of Charleston, who was permanent chairman of the convention, in his speech of acceptance indicated that the Democrats would

have the fight of their lives in the coming campaign. Ex-Governor MacCorkle, in seconding Davenport's nomination, voiced the same sentiment.

The committee on resolutions, as might have been expected, denounced "tax reform" as advanced by the recent Legislature, and by the Republicans in general. One noticeable feature of the convention was that Webster county was entirely without a representative.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 25.—A compromise proposition is now being considered by the Republican county committee and the leaders of Kanawha factions that gives some promise of resulting in but one local Republican ticket this fall. The terms of the compromise originated with the leaders of both factions and are that the Grant Hall faction accept of the May primary ticket, P. Smith, for sheriff, M. A. Morris and Stanley Nease, for assessors, Burdett for surveyor, and Messrs. Grosseup, McDon-

ald, McWhorter and Walker for the Legislature, conceding to the Grant Hall faction Major Moulton, for county clerk, A. L. Shepperd for county commissioner, and either B. F. Carney or Mr. Beckwith, of St. Albans, for the fifth member of the Legislature.

Both committees held meetings to-day and considered the proposition. The Grant Hall committee readily agreed to the compromise, but the other committee did not, and both committees adjourned until to-morrow to further consider the matter.

The point in dispute is the county commissioner, as which ever side gets him will get the balance of power in county control and the primary committee does not like to concede this power to the Hall faction, while it is not likely that the Hall faction will agree to any other terms of compromise. It is the sincere hope of the rank and file that the differences may be compromised.

GERMAN COUNT ROUNDED UP IN COURT

that he was compelled to desert.

Recently he drove up to the Brighton Hotel in a carriage, got out with a piece of baggage, and with his genuine military walk and foreign looking frock coat, made a sensation.

When he came down to dinner in a lieutenant's uniform, friends flocked to him unasked. He was a real sensation, and for two weeks he was the social lion of the beach. A young woman from New Rochelle, pretty and wealthy, seemed to find favor with the lieutenant, and the gossips dreamed of a marriage.

Last night came the expose, and it was a sad blow to the nerves of the rocking fleet at the shore.

In exchange for his board, it appears, the count had given the hotel people some of the government checks he had borrowed from the quartermaster. Through these he was traced. He pleaded guilty and was held for the grand jury in \$1,500 bail. After the civil authorities get through with him, he will have to account to the military department of the government for his misdoings.

The count is a dapper little man, not much above the minimum height required for admission to the army. He says he is really a German count, but that he got into the trouble in his own country and obtained four years' leave of absence.

SOCIETY LION HE WAS, BUT AN UNPAID BOARD BILL BROUGHT ON GREAT TROUBLE.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Gerhard M. Von Pragen, who signs himself and posed at the Brighton Beach Hotel as a lieutenant in the German army, was arraigned before Magistrate Voorhees, in the Coney Island police court this morning, charged with larceny. The herr lieutenant, is developed, was an enlisted man in the United States army, but sometime ago he was so free with the quartermaster's checks, to which his duties gave him access,